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Jacqueline Breaux
122 Cantrelle Dr.
Raceland, LA 70394

Re: Ethics Board Docket No. 2016-125

Dear Ms. Breaux:

The Louisiana Board of Ethics, at its April 15, 2016 meeting, considered your request for an advisory opinion regarding whether your company, Trojan Storage Mall, may continue to lease storage units to the Lafourche Parish Council on Aging (Council), while your father, James "Jimmy" Cantrelle, serves as Lafourche Parish President. The Council, which was created pursuant to a Charter awarded by the Secretary of State, is governed by a Board of Directors, in accordance with La. R.S. 46:1601 et seq. You provided the following information for consideration in connection with your request:

On May 17, 2006, Charlene Rodriguez executed a contract, on behalf of the Council, for the rental of a storage unit at a rate of \$80.00 per month. On or about September 10, 2008, Ms. Rodriguez executed a contract, on behalf of the Council, for the rental of a second storage unit at a rate of \$60.00 per month. Sometime shortly thereafter, the Council moved to a different storage unit at a rate of \$50.00 per month. These contracts remain in effect until terminated by written notice, or the lessee fails to make payments.

The Board concluded, and instructed me to inform you, that the Code of Governmental Ethics would not prohibit your company, Trojan Storage Mall, from continuing to lease storage units to the Council, at a time when your father, Mr. Cantrelle, serves as Lafourche Parish President. La. R.S. 42:1113A prohibits a public servant, a member of his immediate family, or a legal entity in which he has a controlling interest from bidding on or entering into any contract, subcontract, or other transaction that is under the supervision or jurisdiction of his agency. The Council was created pursuant to a Charter awarded by the Secretary of State and is governed by a Board of Directors. As such, it is not under the supervision or jurisdiction of the Lafourche Parish government. Therefore, it would not present a violation of La. R.S. 42:1113A, if Trojan Storage Mall continues to lease storage units to the Council, at a time when your father serves as Parish President.

This advisory opinion is based solely on the facts as set forth herein. Changes to the facts as presented may result in a different application of the provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics. The Board issues no opinion as to past conduct or as to laws other than the Code of Governmental Ethics. If you have any questions, please contact me at (800) 842-6630 or (225) 219-5600.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Vivian Haley Williams
For the Board

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